

# Bi-directional and multi-directional fork-lift trucks — Stability tests

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# Bi-directional and multi-directional fork-lift trucks — Stability tests

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies basic tests to verify the stability of bi-directional and multi-directional fork-lift trucks with tiltable or non-tiltable mast or fork arms. It is applicable to trucks fitted with fork arms and/or attachments.

This International Standard is not applicable to trucks that handle suspended loads that can swing freely.

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ISO 5353:1995, *Earth-moving machinery, and tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry — Seat index point*.

ISO 5767:1992, *Industrial trucks operating in special condition of stacking with the mast tilted forward — Additional stability test*.

ISO 10658:1996, *Industrial trucks operating in special conditions of stacking with load laterally displaced by powered devices — Additional stability test*.

## 3 Purpose of tests

### 3.1 Normal operating conditions

The basic tests specified in this International Standard ensure that the type of truck specified has satisfactory stability when reasonably and appropriately used under normal operating conditions, as follows:

- a) operating (travelling and stacking) on substantially firm, smooth, level and prepared surfaces;
- b) travelling with the mast or fork arms tilted backwards and the load in the lowered (travelling) position;
- c) stacking with the mast substantially vertical and the fork arms substantially horizontal;
- d) operating with the load centre of gravity approximately on the centre plane of the truck.

### 3.2 Operating in conditions other than normal

When the operating conditions differ from those specified in 3.1, it is necessary to use either

- a) a truck complying with other International Standards covering different specific conditions, such as ISO 5767 or ISO 10658, or

- b) a truck whose stability has been agreed upon between the interested parties; this agreed stability shall not be less than that required by the tests specified for normal operating conditions in 3.1.

## 4 Stability tests

### 4.1 Test requirements

The stability of bi-directional and multi-directional fork-lift trucks shall be verified by one of the procedures specified in 4.2.

### 4.2 Verification procedure

#### 4.2.1 Tilting platform

Use a test platform that can be tilted about one side. Place the truck being tested for stability on the initially horizontal test platform, in accordance with 4.3 and, successively, in each of the positions described in Table 3.

In each of the tests, tilt the test platform tilted slowly to the slope specified in Table 3. The truck is considered stable if it passes all tests without overturning. For the purposes of the tests, overturning is defined as the test platform slope value that, if increased, would cause the truck to overturn.

It is permissible in lateral tests for one load wheel to lose contact with the test platform. It is acceptable for parts of the structure or designed features to make contact with the test platform.

#### 4.2.2 Fixed slope

Use fixed slopes with inclinations equivalent to the specified test slope. The slope surface shall be smooth and capable of supporting the truck mass with no deformation that could affect the test results.

Drive the truck under test onto the fixed slopes with the mast lowered and positioned as specified in Table 3. For each of the truck positions with an elevated load or load carrier, the mast shall be elevated smoothly to the position specified in Table 3.

#### 4.2.3 Calculation

Compliance with the specified stability values may be determined by calculation methods verified by empirical data.

The calculated capacities shall take into account manufacturing variations and deflections of the mast, tyres, etc.

### 4.3 Test conditions

#### 4.3.1 Condition of the truck

The tests shall be carried out on an operational truck.

The operator on rider-controlled trucks shall be simulated by an object having a mass of 90 kg if the stability during a test is thereby decreased. For a truck designed for operation with a standing operator, an object having a mass of 90 kg shall be secured with its centre of gravity 1 000 mm above the floor of the operator's platform at the centre of the position normally occupied by the operator. For a truck designed for operation by a seated operator, the centre of gravity of the object shall be secured 150 mm above the seat index point (SIP) as determined in accordance with ISO 5353, with the seat at the closest position to the midpoint of the adjustments provided.

Fuel tanks of internal combustion engine trucks shall be full if the stability is thereby decreased. All other tanks shall be filled to their correct operating levels, as applicable.